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Welcome to the 27th Annual Ice Cream Social!

Grab your sprinkles! It's time for the annual Crestview Neighborhood Association Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 23 from noon to 2:00 PM in front of Little Deli. Catch up with neighbors and the neighborhood news while listening to live music; PJ Christie and Friends play at noon followed by Emma Ruth and Strange Angels at 1:00. Friends of Brentwood Park will be in attendance to fundraise for new playground equipment, and donations of $100 or more will earn you a snazzy violet "We Love Brentwood Park" yard sign!

The festivities will include a children's activity hosted by the Girl Scouts and our famous Crestview ice cream eating contest (with prizes, or course.) And once again, we'll have raffle drawings throughout for gift cards and other goodies from your favorite local businesses. Huge thanks to Arlan's for their generous ice cream donation and continual support of the neighborhood, and to Little Deli for allowing us to use their space.

Editor's note: The ice cream social takes the place of the July membership meeting.

Howdy Neighbor!

By Mike Lavigne, CNA President

I was asked by a neighbor today, "What should I be doing about CodeNEXT? Do I need to understand this stuff and should I be worried?" I imagine she isn't the only one with these questions so here goes. CodeNEXT is a moving target and not meant to be easily understood by the average citizen. One need only watch city staff and consultants attempt to answer questions from Council Members during a Council work session to realize that there are only a handful of people who understand the new code and even they don't completely agree on what it does (or doesn't do). This truth was proven out when a June meeting of the Austin chapter of American Institute of Architects attempted to figure out what exactly could and couldn't be built in varying parts of the proposed code. To be kind...they were not impressed.

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June 21, 2017 CrestviewNA/BrentwoodNA Joint Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Adler *Photo: Mike Lavigne*

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On top of that, a whole new letter system for codifying the proposed upzoning will be rolled out soon. This means whatever analysis neighborhoods have done will be nullified and need to be readdressed. So, in regards to a need to understand, I would say hang tight and wait for the next draft and then we will see if the CodeNEXT staff are indeed hearing our concerns or just changing the words to make upzoning more palatable to those who are confused by what is happening to their neighborhoods.

Meeting With The Mayor

In late June we co-hosted (with Brentwood and Allandale) a CodeNEXT town hall with Mayor Adler. I can't tell you how proud I am to have you all as neighbors. We had about 400 people on a weeknight (the date/time was based on the Mayor's availability). I encourage you to watch some of it at www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8KRJXR1LSo5Gwdi2jpqvq_j-HMtdxMp4. You will see that people were polite, respectful, and very, very concerned about the aspects of CodeNEXT that will encourage demolitions and decrease parking minimums while creating no real affordability. I attended a similar meeting in Pemberton with over a hundred people and they weren't nearly as nice to the Mayor as we were.

A common thought heard from those who attended both of these meetings was that the Mayor didn't have any real answers and quickly reverted to platitudes like "we'll fix it", "we can't just keep the status quo, we have to do something", "I won't vote for a bad code", and "we can play with the knobs and dials". None of these answers address the specific concerns expressed above but for now we will take him at his word that this is a work in progress and not just a market driven bulldozer for the Real Estate Council.

This is the same Real Estate Council that (along with the Chamber of Commerce) formed a front group called EVOLVE Austin that masquerades as a force for affordability. Doubtless the half a million bucks they've committed to moving CodeNEXT forward is out of the goodness of their hearts. They will be canvassing your house soon, no doubt. Also look out for a poll telling us that the people want affordability and therefore density.

Don't be fooled though, DENSITY DOES NOT EQUAL AFFORDABILITY!

https://tcf.org/content/commentary/short-run-density-alone-wont-solve-affordable-housing-crisis

It usually just translates to more high-end real estate. That's fine, but it reminds me of the old adage about spitting on my boot and telling me it's raining. New construction is more expensive than old.

See y'all around the hood,

Lavigne

Announcements

M. L. "Crick" DeGlandon, longtime Crestview resident, passed away on May 23rd. Our condolences to his family and many friends. He will be sorely missed.

And we say goodbye to another longtime Crestview resident, Catherine Frances Lala who passed away on June 23rd. She was well known as the owner of Lala's Little Nugget, a fixture in the neighborhood since she opened it in 1972. The bar with its Christmas theme has always been popular with locals.

Brentwood Elementary PTA Kindergarten Play Date

Saturday, August 6, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Brentwood Schoolbus Playground, 6700 Arroyo Seco. Light refreshments provided. Open to all incoming Brentwood Kindergarten families.

Questions?

Go to www.brentwoodpta.com or email brentwood.pta.president@gmail.com.

Finding Common Ground in Community

By Susan Burneson, Voices of the Violet Crown

This July marks the sixth anniversary of the neighborhood website Voices of the Violet Crown. Our website expands on a community/history display we began creating in 2003. You might have seen it at an early Violet Crown Festival or the CNA Ice Cream Social.

The site, which we regularly update, also includes video clips from oral histories of neighbors aged 6 to 90, as well as short films, stories, and photos—our take on living in Crestview.

We believe community connects those here now to those who came before and those yet to come—past, present, and future happening at once, rather than nostalgia for what is no more. We hope to give neighbors a stronger sense of place, "the feeling that a community is special, distinct from anywhere else", just as people find common ground through the ice cream social, park improvements, luminarias, and other projects. In 2010, we interviewed Friends of Brentwood Park co-founders for an oral history/film project.

Their words echo the value of connection and continuity here:

> "Community is the heart and soul of a city."
> –Hedrich Michaelsen
>
> "Somebody before us planted these trees, and it's up to us to do the same, so there will be trees here for the next generation."
> –Emily Wilson

We invite you to visit www.violetcrownvoices.com to check out the latest history from 2016, and share your comments and neighborhood stories.

Violet Crown Festival Recap

By Nancy Mohn Barnard, CNA Secretary

Many thanks to all the neighbors, community groups, artists, and others who helped make May's Violet Crown Festival a smashing success. This year's festival returned to our beloved Brentwood Park! The beautiful weather, stellar musical lineup, fun kids' activities, and handmade goods contributed to a perfect day for shopping and playing outdoors.

We are very grateful to the many volunteers who donated their time to make the festival a success. In addition, contributions of funds and goods from our generous sponsors and donors allowed the festival to raise an amazing $2200 for the Brentwood Park Playground Improvement Project. Please be sure to show the following Gold and Silver sponsors some neighborly love for their support of our community and park:

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The VCF May festival team is already looking forward to 2018's spring festival. In the meantime, plan to get your locavore shopping fix at the Violet Crown Arts Festival held the first weekend in December. It's the perfect way to enjoy crisp fall weather while stocking up on handcrafted gifts for the holidays.

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Road Trip!

By Marilyn Querejazu

Art and tacos - Can you think of a better combination? (Well, OK—beer and tacos, you got me there. Do we need a beer of the month column?)

For a delicious art outing I suggest heading down I-35 to lovely San Antonio, specifically the McNay Art Museum at 6000 N. New Braunfels Ave. and Beto's Altmex at 8142 Broadway St. Both are easy to find and well worth the trip.

The Art

Marion Koogler McNay led an interesting and full life. Her family's wealth allowed her to build a graceful Spanish colonial style mansion north of downtown San Antonio and fill it with beautiful objects. The house sits on a hill, allowing views of the sunset from the many balconies and porches. Typical of Mediterranean residences, the house surrounds an interior patio, centered on a pool and fountains.

Marion's first husband, Don McNay died only 10 months after they wed, a victim of the great flu pandemic of 1918. The romantics among us can speculate that she married her next four husbands hoping for a second true love. She was either unlucky in love or very particular, as all four attempts ended in divorce... but back to the art...

In 1927 Marion made her first major art purchase: the precious *Delfina Flores*, by Diego Rivera. This painting is a portrait of a small girl, the daughter of the painter's housekeeper. Read about the painting at www.mcnayart.org/blog/mcnay-moments-then-diego-riveras-delfina-flores

Eighty-eight years after that first acquisition and 65 years after Marion's death the McNay collection is an absolute treasury.

You don't have to be an artist to notice Marion's attraction to new and striking uses of form and color. She liked "unfinished" art. In this lovely environment, you can gaze upon the superstars of European and American art—pre and post impressionism, southwestern art, modern art, cubism, and more than ninety works by Picasso. Take a peek at this lineup at collection.mcnayart.org/highlights.page.do

Be sure to take a close look at *Two Girls in Armchair* by Jules Pascin, *Portrait of Madame H.M. Barzan* by Albert Gleitzes, and the wonderful *Dream Village* by Marc Chagall.

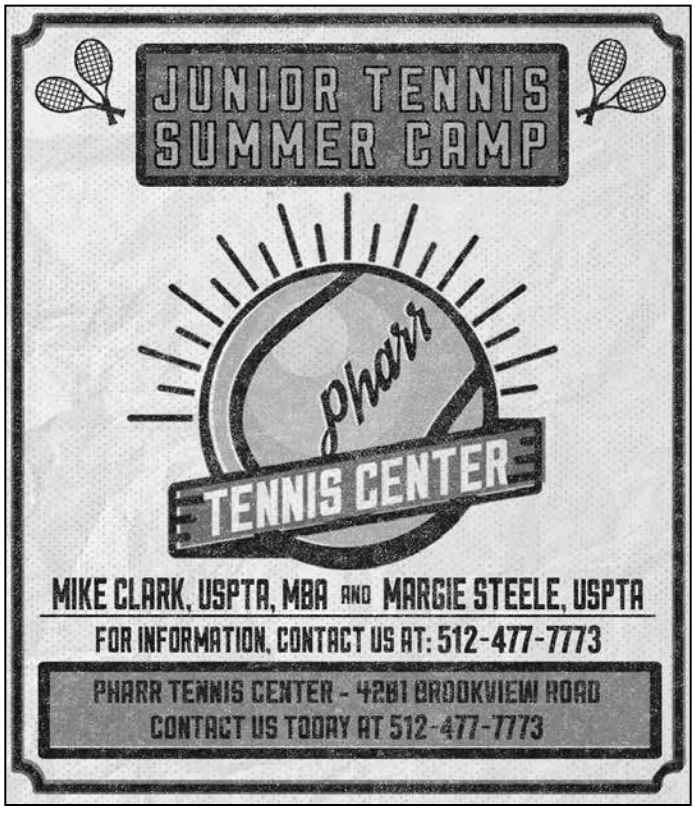
Keep an eye on the ceilings, also. Marion's own stencils were used to paint the Roman arches.

You'll want to spend as much time outdoors, enjoying the sculptures and sumptuous landscaping.

The Tacos

At Beto's you may have a hard time deciding what to order, but the daily specials and combination plates make it easier. I had a grilled fish taco and the Argentine, an empanada dedicated to the famous San Antonio Spur: Manu Ginobili. Ask for a sampler of their sauces, they have a gooey brownish red concoction that should not be missed.

I leave you with this: If you've been to the McNay, go back. If you haven't been, go now and return often. As with all great collections, there is too much art (and too many tacos) to digest in one visit.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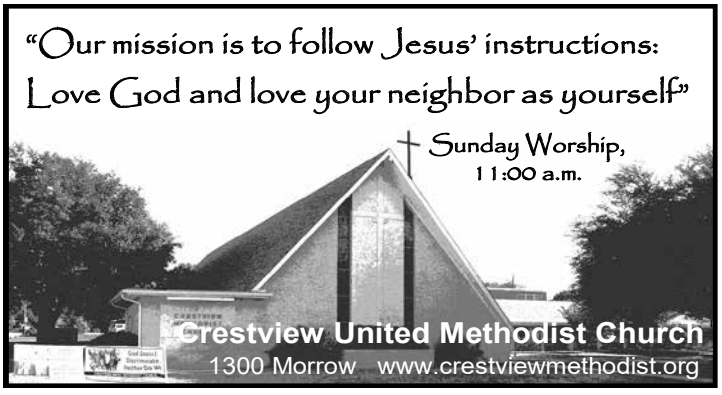
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Crime	Street	Date	Time
Assault by Contact–Sexual Nature	69XX Burnet Rd	5/23/17	9:49
Auto Theft	1XXX Anderson Ln	5/19/17	15:03
Burglary of Residence	72XX Easy Wind Dr	5/31/17	4:09
Burglary of Vehicle	21XX Anderson Ln	5/7/17	3:51
Crash / Leaving the Scene	78XX Burnet Rd	5/4/17	16:55
Crash / Leaving the Scene	8XX W St Johns Ave	5/14/17	18:10
Crash / Leaving the Scene	77XX Rutgers Ave	5/28/17	23:28
Criminal Mischief	75XX Grover Ave	5/6/17	8:33
Criminal Mischief	72XX Easy Wind Dr	5/22/17	18:25
Criminal Trespass Notice	9XX Anderson Ln	5/30/17	8:54
Deceased Person	2XXX St Joseph Blvd	5/11/17	17:59
Disturbance – Other	8XX Justin Ln	5/3/17	15:20
DWI	75XX St Cecelia St	5/24/17	3:14
Theft	17XX Piedmont Ave	5/9/17	11:10
Theft	75XX Lamar Blvd	5/10/17	18:03
Theft	7XXX Easy Wind Dr	5/11/17	20:27
Theft	8XX Justin Ln	5/11/17	18:59
Theft	76XX Wildcat Pass	5/18/17	20:27
Theft of License Plate	21XX Anderson Ln	5/1/17	20:24

July Crime Prevention Tip

Now that school is out, let's make sure children have a safe summer. Have them tell you where they are going and give them a time to check in or be home. Set limits on unsafe places they should avoid (busy streets, abandoned buildings, etc.). Even if they have a phone with them, make sure they memorize their address and a phone number to a call in case of emergency.

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